tax evaders, the term of which expired on March 31, 1987 was not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to have a new scheme for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**448. [Transferred to the 28th August, 1987].*

Recommendations of the central water commission

*449. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission had recommended two major flood-control projects for protection of Moriaholla area and Mukalmua (Howlighat) in Assam to the Planning Commission for approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not yet given clearance to the above projects in spite of Assam Government's repeated requests;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that half of the National Park at Kaziranga is going to be engulfed by the floods of the Brahmaputra in a very short period of time for the non-implementation of the above projects; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Central Water Commission put up two major flood control projects for protection of Moriaholla area and Mukalmua in Assam to the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission at its meeting held in October 1986 for consideration and advice. In the absence of the proven efficacy of the type and design of the proposed works, the Committee could not recommend clearance of the above projects to the Planning Commission and hence Planning Commission have not yet given clearance to the above projects.

(c) and (d) Government is aware of the flood problems of Brahmaputra river including that of kaziranga National park. The problems and various remedial measures are under study and appropriate measures are being taken to combat the floods.

Handing over of a Chinese ship to Pakistan

*450. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China has handed over to Pakistan a 15,000 tonne supply-ship named PNS NASR;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this ship is capable of refueling and resupplying other ships and helicopters at sea; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to match their Navy with those of the neighbouring countries, which poss a potential threat to India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of India keeps all developments having a bearing on the country's security under constant observation and initiates appropriate countermeasures, from time to time, to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.